GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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BAN ON PLASTIC UTENSILS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many scientists of the country are demanding ban on the plastic utensils;

(b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to take any decision in view of the advice of the scientists; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a),(b) & (c) The Government is not aware of the demand made by scientists to banplastic utensils. However, the Ministry of Environment & Forests have notified on 2.9.1999 the `Recycled Plastics Manufacture and Usage Rules, 1999`.These Rules prohibit use of carry bags or containers made of recycled plastics by vendors for storing, carrying, dispensing or packaging of foodstuffs. Also, these Rules make it obligatory that carry bags and containers made of virgin plastic shall be in natural shade or white.